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Punishments of village officers in Malabar.

* 2142 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there have recently been issued on a large scale orders of suspension of, or show cause notices against village officers in Kozhikode taluk, Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, for what reasons?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) Two adhikaris and 12 menons of Kozhikode taluk were served with show cause notices against suspension and three other menons have been placed under suspension. Action against 9 out of the 12 menons to whom notices were issued has since been dropped.

" (*b*) For irregularities committed at the recent district board elections, issue of incorrect solvency certificates, poor progress in work relating to census of holdings, absence from duty and disobedience of orders."

* 2143 *Q.*—Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state how many village menons were punished in Malabar recently in connexion with the Land Census work?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Twenty-six village menons have been punished."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, as the Land Census work is rather arduous and exacting and since most of these cases of punishments or show-cause notices have been due to the failure or irregular discharge of work under the head of 'Land Census', may I know whether the Government would give extra remuneration for this extra work? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" No, Sir."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, with reference to what date, the Hon. Minister is giving the information and whether the rest of the cases, i.e., those relating to the two adhikaris and the other menons, have been completely disposed of or pending still? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I should like to have notice, Sir."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that there has been widespread demand for extra remuneration because of this new kind of work which has been imposed upon them, who are already overworked people? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" There was demand, Sir. It was duly considered. But, then it was thought that it would not be a measurable amount. So, the question was dropped."